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A LETTER FROM RUSSIA

Truths About the Muscovite Government From Inside Sources.

THE ROMANOFFS DOOMED

The Czar Much Beloved, But Is Overridden by His Hated Advisors.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
YORKTOWN, VA., March 26.—The following authentic and thoroughly reliable letter from Russia will be found extremely interesting to the great mass of readers of events connected with the Russo-Japanese war.

Kronstadt, Feb. 25, 1904.
Dear Sir: Yours to hand. I am glad to know that you are living in a free country, enjoying the liberty of mankind under the great Stars and Stripes. Would like to see my children under the same in my own country. I have thought as to the matter of war with Japan, as the people here will interest their minds in war, and let my children alone yet a little while, but I find great mistake. They only carried away the best of our children and left the worst home, and I don't see any difference to day in their life.

Still it was as it ever was before. They look upon every one as a spy of Japan. As the news didn't reach me for the last few days, just what I could see, was the darkness on each one's face, and I learned by that to be right smart. I thought they have right hard times down there. By getting two or three letters I find out just what my thoughts is going to be. I have learned more from you, the last than any others, which I think it comes direct from the great element of newspapers of your country. I have carried that letter to a friend to read and he finds it very interesting. I have learned from him and he from me right smart, and we made our own map.

HOMES MAP.
According to our map, Japan will have the victory on land, Germany won't take no interest in the war, France is not going to take interest, and the others don't care much to take interest. Especially they can't find out where Sam'l goes to. It's more thought here that Sam'l is connecting with Louis. Even if France should take part with Russia then England will take with Japan and the war will only be on the water. The best part of our fleet is destroyed by Japan, the balance left ain't much, and what we got home is very sorry. Then France will have to fight England and Japan on the water, and how long will that last? They been making now big preparation for the war, they have called all the available militia enrolled since 1880, which of course includes some very old men, but it's a wonder where they going to get stuff to feed them. The business of our country is to keep the farmers can't sell what they got. Some years when dull times used to come and the growth used to be small, then the government held all the grain at home, then it brought a little something, but now the government don't take much and if they do they go on credit. What good does that do the poor farmer and laboring class of people? It looks as a dark cloud over our head, and we don't see what benefit will be to them as especially to our poor children. What I have heard from one man that they are sorry they started the war, and in fact they never have thought about going to war with Japan. They was playing poker you Americans call it, and they thought who was going to offer the most would take the hand.

DID NOT EXPECT WAR.
Their object was to scare up Japan and they never dreamed Japan would fight, but after Japan declared war, then they had to save their honor. Now they just begin to learn what they are against and have to make big preparations for war now. They were in mind of the war with Napoleon and Turkey, when Nicholas and Alexander ruled, but now our Nicholas don't rule, but Admiral Alexieff and Von Florey, our prime minister. They had one good man, De Witte, and he lifted Russia up, but Von Florey got him out and everything is going back. We have seen by De Witte some light and liberty and the children was well pleased, and the country on a boom. Everybody to his work, farmer to farming, and business people to their and so on. Von Florey has worked right hard to get him out. De Witte was a smart man, good business man, and made a trip to Manchuria to see its value, and if he were with the Czar to-day, we wouldn't have no war, and Russia would have Manchuria by diplomacy, and it is so different from Von Florey. De Witte is a religious hypocrite and works the Czar under religious influence. He has ruled the country and he will finish his business in a very short time, Russia can't stand. And the time is coming now when the young Russians will rise against the Romanoffs. They have arrested 150 young students in Odessa, Moscow, 110 in Kiev, and right smart here, and that ain't the end yet. If the war runs long, Russia will lose right smart in money, in people and I think the Romanoffs will be gone along with it. We have plenty snow, ice and cold weather, we are looking for a bad crop of wheat and rye next year. Too much ice covers the fields and freezes the grain. We have some places 5 to 6 feet deep snow, wood is very high and scarce, provisions are scarce and very high on account the terrible weather. The people in good health with no money. Wait for next letter; I will give you right smart information, as I have to look for it. Send your love.

THE ISSUES.
A careful perusal of the foregoing will readily show the great issues which it carries with it, chief among which is the destiny of the reigning Czar. His apparent inconsistency, as the armed champion of universal peace at the Hague conference, and his present conquest of Manchuria for commercial gain is readily understood when Nicholas is found to rule in peace but to have to stand aside for a clique of his ministers to do their dastardly crimes when the war cloud covers the land.

He is acknowledged to be a great, good and true man and monarch, but ruled and dominated over by evil influences. The Czar is thus no longer a despot, and the present one is even hinted as the last of the Romanoff dynasty. The Czar is loved and respected, but his advisers are cordially hated.

This letter is from one high in Russian circles, and the views expressed are those of a brainy, wide awake man, breathing disaster and death to the Russian arms in the far East.

The story graphically told does not permit of being enlarged upon and needs no explanation.

Her Calf.
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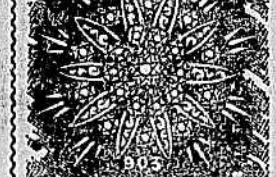
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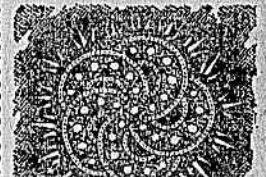
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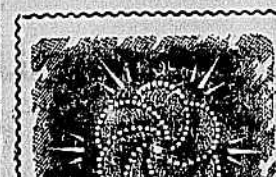
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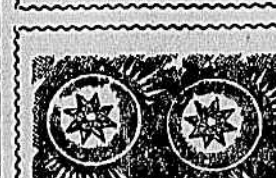
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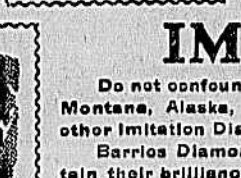
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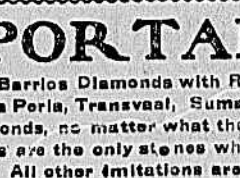
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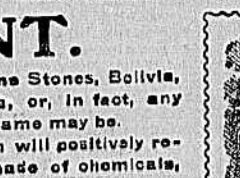
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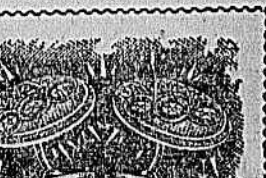
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Social Life in Washington

By GRACE PORTER HOPKINS.

Roosevelt Children, at Home for the Holidays, Make the White House a Lively Place, and the Indulgent Father Does Nothing to Spoil and All to Aid the Enjoyment of Their Sports. Miss Alice Roosevelt Now in South Carolina Until Easter—Post Lenten Festivities Engaging Attention of Capital Society—St. Patrick's Day Entertainments.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, March 26.—The Roosevelt children are at home for the holidays and the White House is again a lively place despite the "greenery-yellows" effect of its new walls and the "six penny dollar" suburban side entrance, which still glare upon the average American's patriotic nerve.

There is Theodore, the many namesake of his father, and Quentin, the youngest member of the family, now being humorously referred to as an Easter hat decorator; Archie, the mischief-maker, whose pony, Algonquin, flashed into fame because of a ride in the White House elevator, and Miss Ethel, the only daughter of the present Mrs. Roosevelt. They are a wholesome lot of children, full of fun, and given to performing as many childish pranks as the next ones, but responsive to the first indication of a "sobering" influence. Mr. Roosevelt is an indulgent parent, who does not believe in interfering with their sports any more than is necessary, so the White House garden to the south is a merry playground on a bright afternoon.

Though the President is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, his wife is an Episcopalian, who is a communicant of all St. John's, long known as the "Court Church" because of its location on Lafayette Square, almost opposite the White House, and because so many of the early administration officials attended its services.

Mrs. Roosevelt is an almost daily attendant of the Lenten services, and usually walks alone to church, across the park, in the center of which stands the most criticized statue in Washington—namely, the equestrian statue of Andrew Jackson, cast from the war trophies of Old Hickory.

Miss Alice Roosevelt, the President's daughter by a former marriage, is at home only today here and there as she stops en route North or South in a series of visits, to attend some specially planned function in her honor. By a curious circumstance, these affairs are nearly all given by members of the diplomatic colony.

The Russian Ambassador and Countess Cassini were among her entertainers this week. Other guests at the Embassy dinner were Mrs. Arthur Paget, the English sister-in-law of the late William C. Whitney's daughter, Miss Mary Patten, one of the Patten sisters who are known as the best American-born linguists in Washington society; Representative Longworth, the bachelor member from Cincinnati; Hon. Percy Wyndham, of the British Embassy, and Congressman Morrill, of Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson, of Chicago, gave her a luncheon, as a bon voyage, before she left for Alken, B. C., where she will remain until Easter. With spring as yet only a promise, and chill winds still connecting with the sun's rays, Post Lenten gayeties are the all important topics of conversation, with

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"Say, Bill, did you hear how old Hanks come it over Pete Harvey last week?"

"Naw."

"Pete he dray up to Bill's place, and Bill says to him: 'Come back in the barn, I want to show you a cow 'nd calf I've

got ter sale.' The cow was a fine lookin' critter, and Pete as how much Hanks wanted fer her and the calf. After dickerin' a bit Pete bought them and started home. Next day he come back, mad as a hornet."

"Bill," he says, "you skinned me on that critter. She ain't no new much

cow 'nd that ain't her calf."

"Yes it is," says Bill.

"If it is I'll eat 'em both, hide, hair 'nd hoofs," says Pete. "The calf won't have anything to do with her, it ain't her'n."

"Well, I reckon I oughter know," says Bill. "It's her calf, all right. I

bought the little cuss myself 'nd give it to 'er, 'nd if it ain't her'n, whose is it?"

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